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SUBJ: MARITIME BOUNDARIES

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE MIAMI HERALD ON  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1978. NO LOCAL COVERAGE TO DATE.

BEGIN TEXT

DRILLING LEASES CANCELED OFF U.S. SOUTHEAST COAST  
THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TUESDAY CANCELED A PROPOSED  
SALE NEXT YEAR OF PETROLEUM LEASES OFF THE US  
SOUTHEASTERN COAST.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SALE WAS CANCELED  
BECAUSE OF A LACK OF INTEREST AND BECAUSE DRILLING  
MIGHT HAVE INTERFERED WITH SATELLITE LAUNCHINGS FROM  
CAPE CANAVERAL.

ONLY TWO COMPANIES SHOWED ANY INTEREST IN BIDDING,  
SAID THE SPOKESMAN. DON TRUESDELL, A DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

ALSO, THE UNITED STATES MIGHT HAVE HAD TO ALTER  
LAUNCHINGS OF SATELLITES BECAUSE THE BOOSTER ROCKETS  
THAT LAUNCH SATELLITES FROM CAPE CANAVERAL DROP INTO  
THE PROPOSED DRILLING AREA, TRUESDELL SAID.

THE SOUTHEAST COAST LEASES, OFF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
GEORGIA AND FLORIDA, WERE TO HAVE BEEN SOLD IN  
NOVEMBER 1979.

HOWEVER, INTERIOR SECRETARY CECIL B. ANDRUS  
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INTERRUPTED THE PROPOSED LEASE SALE AND REMOVED IT  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.

HE SAID A LEASE SALE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO PRO-  
POSED FOR JULY 1979 WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF THE  
SOUTHEAST COAST SALE.

AMONG THE REASONS CITED BY ANDRUS FOR THE CAN-  
CELED SALES WAS THAT "THE BLAKE PLATEAU (PROPOSED

LEASE AREA) LIES OFFSHORE BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE BAHAMAS BUT NO AGREED BOUNDARY EXISTS TO DEFINE THE AUTHORITY OF EITHER COUNTRY."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID REMOVAL OF THE SALE FROM THE SCHEDULE "WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR RESOLVING THESE PROBLEMS."

END TEXT

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